

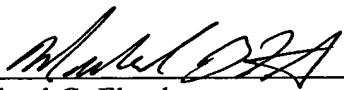
### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-24 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting based on U.S. Patent No. 6,701,399. No prior art rejection was made with respect to these claims. Although Applicant does not agree with the Examiner's rejection, the filing of a terminal disclaimer will not shorten the term of any patent issuing from the present application, and the assignee has no interest in dividing ownership in any event. Therefore, Applicant respectfully includes herewith a properly executed Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection without prejudice or admission. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the double patenting rejection and allowance of claims 1-24.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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